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FOR: PROCESS FOR THE :
FERMENTATIVE PREPARATION :
OF L-AMINO ACIDS USING :
STRAINS OF THE :
ENTEROBACTERIACEAE FAMILY :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO THE DISCLOSURE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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SIR:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts, mailed October 16, 2003, please amend the specification to include the attached Abstract.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this response.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

The Abstract on a separate page appears as the last page of this response.